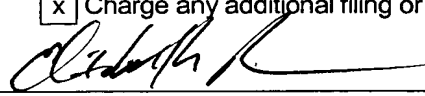


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Applicant(s): Kishio Hidaka et al.					
Invention: ELECTRODE DEVICE WITH CONVERGING ELECTRODE (as amended)					
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004 (Paper No. Mail Date 0704), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.